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1. BY AGREEMENT AMONG BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER WARD, FRENCH AMBASSADOR MERLLIE AND MYSELF, WARD FOLLOWED UP HIS EARLIER APPROACH TO GOM RE NAMIBIA (REF D) BY DELIVERING TALKING POINTS (REF A) TO MINISTER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, SIR HAROLD WALTER, AT 1300 HOURS APRIL 13. WARD HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM FCO TO MAKE THIS APPROACH. HE ADDED ORALLY REMARKS TO EFFECT THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING GOM INSTRUCT AMBASSADOR RAMPHUL TO PLAY A "HELPFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE" WITHIN THE AFRICAN GROUP IN NEW YORK, THAT IS, TAKING THE LEAD RATHER THAN JUST FLOWING WITH THE CONSENSUS, WHATEVER IT IS.

2. WALTER HAD JUST EMERGED FROM A DIFFICULT AND LENGTHY CABINET MEETING AT WHICH THE DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE LABOR PARTY AND AMONG THE COALITION PARTNERS HAD BEEN THRASHED OUT, AND ACCORDING TO WARD HE HAD SOME DIFFICULTY FOCUSING ON NAMIBIA. WALTER NEVERTHELESS PROMISED TO DISCUSS
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THE MATTER WITH PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM LATER IN THE DAY OR TOMORROW.

3. WALTER WILL BE IN NEW YORK FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS ONLY THIS WEEKEND, CHANGING PLANES ON HIS WAY TO MEXICO CITY. WALTER SAID HE MIGHT ASK RAMPHUL TO MEET HIM AT THE AIRPORT. THAT WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PASS INSTRUCTIONS TO

RAMPHUS, SHOULD HE BE SO INCLINED.

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